

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M.D. Vrbanc et al. Attorney Docket No. WEYE114121/23109
Application No.: 09/421,621 Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: October 19, 1999 Examiner: P. Chin
Title: GRANULAR POLYSACCHARIDE HAVING
ENHANCED SURFACE CHARGE

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Federal Way, Washington 98063
January 17, 2002

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action, dated July 17, 2001, set to expire on October 17, 2001, be extended by three months to expire on January 17, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the three-month extension of time fee in the amount of \$920.00 and any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1480. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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